

we should do and how we can find deliverance from the terrible situation in which we all are in on account of sin. This Book says in it what to do: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. The man without faith says, How do I know that it's true? How do I know I can trust Him? How do I know He can save me? How do I know but what this is the end. I might as well have a good time while I'm here.

But the Bible says the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is of the world. And they perish with the world, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. If we put faith in the words of our Father, and in the teachings of His Word we do not take a leap into the dark. That's not faith. It is a leap into the dark yes, but a leap into the dark in which we hear the voice ~~xxx~~ of our Father and know that He is there and know that we can trust in Him. That is faith.

So Christian faith and Christian love are as John presents it here about love, they are founded upon truth. Christianity is a religion of truth. True Christianity invites investigation of its claims. When Dr. R.D. Wilson, the great OT scholar, under whom I studied, was studying in Germany under certain unbelieving professors, he tells me that he used to notice that, when they had a point they wanted to get across and they had no proof they would say, Why that stands to reason! If you say it in a good enough tone many will think, Why of course it stands to reason. When there was something they just did not want to believe, they would say, Why that's unthinkable!

Many people will say of course that's unthinkable. But that's not what the Lord wants us to do. The Lord wants us to get the facts, and when we do get the facts we find they fit with the Word of God. God who is the Author of the Bible; God who is behind the writers of the Bible directing them and keeping them from error, is also a God who is the creator of all nature and controller of all history. What God has done and what God has said are bound to fit together.

The Bible is never out of date, but is often ahead of date. It has much in it we do not understand because we don't know enough to understand it, but as we learn more we get nearer to the statements of the Bible. The Bible is a presentation of truth and it invites fair investigation of its claims because it can stand every fair test that is made.

Someone has said the resurrection of Christ is one of the most firmly established facts of history. I think we can safely say there is no question of that. No other thing in history has ever had such great results which could not possibly have occurred without it. Here was a little group of disciples who love their Master and thought He was going to establish a kingdom of righteousness upon earth. Then their master was seized, taken away and crucified and the disciples fled in misery and in anguish. On the road to Emaus you remember the two who said